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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair House Committee on Appropriations H-307, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Community Food Hub, Brooklyn, NY 11233 (NY08) in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is The Campaign Against Hunger located at 2010 Fulton St., Brooklyn, NY 11233.

The funding would be used for a permanent community food hub, a first-of-its-kind ecosystem that uses food access, education and innovation in urban farming to break the systemic and interconnected cycle of hunger and poverty in New York City. The community food hub will amplify the emergency food network capacity to store, pack and distribute healthy food in urban communities during pandemics, hurricanes and other emergencies. The economic, social, cultural and physical environmental contributions of food hubs demonstrate the investments The Campaign Against Hunger (TCAH) could make to ensure the long-term health of food-insecure communities. Further, the community food hub will increase wealth-building opportunities through decreased inequality and the creation of foodservice and green jobs for New Yorkers grappling with income loss impacts. The communities TCAH serves are primarily communities of color that face the incredible burden of racism, economic inequity, disinvestment and historically oppressive policies on everything from policing to housing, education and, not surprisingly, food accessibility. A community food hub is needed to address these egregious disparities.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Hakeem Jeffries

Member of Congress